

**Walk the talk, Sarawak DAP tells Najib**  
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Sarawak DAP today reminded Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak to keep his promise and not pay lip service in his request for all Malaysians to join him fight against all forms of extremism in the country.

"Walk the talk," state DAP chairman Chong Chieng Jen said, in response to the prime minister's appeal which he made last night at the Kuching North City Hall's (MBKS) Chinese New Year (CNY) open house in Padungan.

Najib made the request in front of more than 5,000 people – most of them Chinese - who had thronged the city's community hall for the dinner and to watch the fireworks display and appealed to them to join him in the fight to preserve Malaysia's peace and stability.

"Show some action on how you fight extremism in your party, within the Cabinet and the government," said Chong, who is also Bandar Kuching MP, when asked to comment on the matter at a CNY open house today.

"I urge Najib to walk the talk... and the walk should start from his 'house', Umno, and on (Datuk Seri) Ismail Sabri (Yaakob, the minister of agriculture and agri-based industry),"

"Umno is full of extremists. We have seen racist statements, as well as extreme religious statements coming from Umno," Chong said.

Ismail sparked an outrage recently after he urged Malay consumers to boycott Chinese businesses over the latter's refusal to lower prices after the drop in oil prices, in a posting he made on his Facebook page.

There was an avalanche of calls for Najib to remove him from the Cabinet which Najib declined.

Ismail has since removed the post and had stated he "regretted" making the posting.

"Charity starts at home," Chong said and therefore the prime minister has to "clean up his Umno before he proceeds any further".

Meanwhile, Chong announced that DAP would be taking up Sarawak Chief Minister Tan Sri Adenan Satem's offer of engagement.

Adenan had said in his live television interview over national TV, RTM1 on Wednesday, that his "doors are opened" to the opposition, for him to listen to their views.

Chong, who viewed the offer as Adenan "extending the olive branch to the opposition", said DAP are ready to cooperate with the Sarawak Barisan Nasional.

He, however, stated that working with the state BN does not mean that DAP would be joining the ruling coalition and set two conditions on how the working relationship should be.

"Our cooperation is on the condition that it must be based on the principle of good and clean governance and it must also be good for Sarawakians.

"Joining BN is totally out of the question. Our cooperation is to complement the government by supervising its policies and to give pressure for Adenan to move towards clean and good governance."

Chong said working with Adenan for the good of Sarawakians was not new, pointing to DAP's support for the BN resolution in the state legislative assembly to request Putrajaya raise the oil and gas royalty raised from the current 5% to 20%.

On Adenan's rising popularity due to the well-received policies and actions he took since assuming office one year ago today, Chong said the opposition was not worried about it.

"Whenever policies are good for the people, we welcome it. We will, however, continue to act our role as opposition and give counter suggestions."

Adenan, in a move described by political analysts as an attempt to walk out of his predecessor Tun Abdul Taib Mahmud's shadow, has waged war against corruption and illegal logging.

He has also taken a stand on nepotism, worked to end Native Customary Rights (NCR) land disputes, reduced electricity tariff for domestic consumers and with plans to do the same for commercial and industrial consumers. – February 28, 2015.

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